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An Act To Provide Rent Relief to Low-income Maine Residents

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6201, sub-§11, as amended by PL 1987, c. 839, §1, is further amended to read:

11. Rent constituting property taxes accrued for an elderly household. "Rent constituting property taxes accrued for an elderly household" means ~~25%~~100% of the gross rent actually paid in cash or its equivalent in any tax year by a claimant and the claimant's household solely for the right of occupancy of their Maine homestead in the tax year and which rent constitutes the basis, in the succeeding calendar year, of a claim for relief under this chapter by the claimant.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6201, sub-§11-A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. E, §2 and affected by §§7 and 8, is further amended to read:

11-A. Rent constituting property taxes accrued for nonelderly household. "Rent constituting property taxes accrued for nonelderly household" means ~~20%~~100% of the gross rent actually paid in cash or its equivalent in any tax year by a claimant and the claimant's household solely for the right of occupancy of their Maine homestead in the tax year and which rent constitutes the basis, in the succeeding calendar year, of a claim for relief under this chapter by the claimant.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the Circuitbreaker Program to increase the percentage of rent paid that may be claimed by an elderly household and a nonelderly household to 100% of the gross rent actually paid; the current claim limits are 25% and 20%, respectively, of the gross rent actually paid.